Ratifications of ILO Recommendations

830. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) in the wake of statements made by Commerce Minister in different fora renewing the Government's faith in ILO as the competent body to ensure labour standards, whether Government have decided to ratify the recommendations of ILO so far not being ratified by India;

(b) if yes, what sort of supervision is being contemplated to see that ILO recommendations are being followed at enterprise level; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) There are 182 ILO Conventions and 190 ILO Recommendations treated as international labour standards, Conventions are open to ratification by member States whereas Recommendations are guidelines to member countries. India has ratified 38 ILO Conventions including 3 Crore Conventions which is a far better record compared to even many developed countries. Out of the remaining 5 Core Conventions, the Government has decided to ratify Convention No. 105 concerning abolition of forced labour and a statement to this effect will be laid before both the Houses of Parliament during this session. The Government is also contemplating to introduce a central legislation fixing a minimum age of 14 years for admission to employment and work and its satisfactory compliance would enable India to ratify Convention No. 138 concerning minimum age for admission to employment. Government of India is also undertaking tripartite and interministerial consultations with a view to taking a decision on the ratification of ILO Convention No. 182 concerning worst forms of chi' labour. The guarantees provided in Conventions No. 87 and 98 are by and large in conformity with the Indian Constitution, laws and practices but India could not ratify these due to reasonable restrictions put on government servants. Ratified Conventions are

implemented through national laws and practices and their enforcement is achieved through labour inspections at workplaces.

ESI Hospitals

831. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries are there in Rajasthan and other States of India;

(b) whether Government intend to open more Hospitals/ Dispensaries in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, when and how many?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) There are at present 137 ESI hospitals and 1452 ESI dispensaries functioning in the country out of which four hospitals and 63 dispensaries are in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the State Government. At present there is no recommendation from the Government of Rajasthan for construction/opening of more hospitals/dispensaires in the State.

Representation of CTUO on various Committees

832. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had evolved any formula/representative quotient for accepting representation to Central Trade Union Organisation on the various Committees constituted under the Ministry; and

(b) if so, whether the composition of all the tripartite committee established by the Ministry are in accordance with such formula/ representative quotient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b)